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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 14, 2004. Claim 1 of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, filed in the U.S. PTO on May 24, 2004, had an incorrect status identifier. The status identifier of claim 1 has been corrected. Attached please find a corrected "Amendment to the Claims" section.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.